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Box Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Please enter the following amendments in the above-noted application.

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1-8 as follows.

1. A method for measuring an electrical characteristic on a molecular scale, said method comprising the steps of:

probing a molecular layer using atomic force microscopy (AFM) having a cantilever including a large contact area probe tip by controlling the force applied to said probe tip; and

detecting, in response to said probing, an electrical characteristic of said molecular layer.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein the large contact area probe tip comprises a large radius sphere affixed to the cantilever.

3. The method of claim 1, wherein the step of probing includes varying the force applied to said probe tip.

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Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment.

The fee for any change in number of claims has been calculated as shown below.

CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
	Claims Remaining After Amendment		Highest Number Previously Paid	Present Extra	Rate	
Total Claims	15	Minus	15	0	x \$18.00	\$
Independent Claims	2	Minus	2	0	x \$80.00	\$
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The total fee for this amendment, including claim changes calculated to be \$ 00.00 .

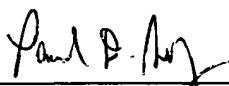
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___ A check in the amount of \$ ___ is attached.

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